

\$2.2 Million for a Warren Business Incubator dedicated to alternative energy; \$250,000 to help commercialize new local products among the highlights

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(Washington, DC) -- Congressman Tim Ryan (OH-17), a member of the House Appropriations Committee, has secured \$8,150,000 from the Energy and Water, and Financial Services spending bills in order to create jobs and reinvent our local economy. The earmarks highlight Congressman Ryan's vision for the community's future. This integrated approach towards economic development includes funding a new Incubator in Warren to focus on energy sustainability, advanced research at Youngstown State University into new fuels, new clean vehicle technology in Akron and the money needed to help commercialize the research and build the companies that will manufacture and export it.

“The energy revolution isn’t going to happen in the future, it is happening right here and right now” said Congressman Ryan. **“The money that we’ve secured is going to help us research, develop, commercialize, manufacture and then export the next generation of products that are going to bring good quality jobs back to the community.”**

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An explanation of the programs can be found below:

\$2,200,000 for the Warren Technology and Business Center for Energy Sustainability

Money would be used to rehabilitate a facility in Warren. The prime focus of the incubator will be the creation and expansion of clean technologies including alternative energy sources and green building materials. This will also be the first area building to be rehabilitated under LEED standards and is expected to be a model for green building redevelopment.

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\$250,000 for the NorTech: Tech Leaders Phase II

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This Program would help small businesses and the region's educational institutions commercialize innovative ideas by providing the critical seed money and business know-how necessary to bring their products to the market. Tech Leaders II would support 20 innovation projects over a 18 month period, leading to the creation of new advanced energy-focused concepts and the adoption of new technologies by existing companies. The requested funds will support new business formation, small business growth and job creation in the energy and electronics technology industries by providing the earliest stages of seed funding for high potential projects. Outreach would be targeted to the entire Northeast Ohio region, engaging institutions such as the University of Akron, Youngstown State University, Lorain County Community College, the College of Wooster, and others.

\$1,000,000 for Research and Development of Clean Vehicle Technology

Funding to research and develop a sustainable, efficient and clean car at the University of Akron. This project could greatly strengthen the Ohio automobile industry by creating an innovative new product that is truly energy efficient.

\$1,500,000 Advanced Automotive Fuels Research and Development and Commercialization Cluster

The money will help create a research, development and commercialization “cluster” that will bring together the ongoing efforts at Youngstown State University to develop an integrated system that demonstrates the potential for next generation fuels. The cluster has three interlinked teams: Advanced Fuels Generation, Advanced Fuels Storage and Advanced Fuels Conversion.

\$2,000,000 Lawnview Sewer Overflow Detention Basin

The Niles sewer collection system has limited capacity in an area generally bounded by Mosquito Creek, North Road, 422, and Main St. During wet weather storm water enters the sanitary sewer and basements flood. This project would increase the capacity and create an overflow basin.

\$1,000,000 University of Akron National Polymer Innovation Center

To create a National Polymer Innovation Center (NPIC) at the University of Akron that would facilitate the commercialization of new technologies in emerging areas of soft matter science and engineering. This is a part of economic development in Ohio in which both established and emerging polymer industries see a key role for collaboration with the university. Future growth requires that both established firms and new enterprises invest substantially in innovations in the rapidly growing fields of polymers from renewable sources, polymer-based medical therapies, biomaterials and bio-imaging.

\$200,000 for the Western Reserve Port Authority for Economic Development

□ The Western Reserve Economic Development Initiative (WREDI) is a regional approach to revitalizing the economy of Trumbull and Mahoning Counties. The WREDI project will expand the capabilities of the Western Reserve Port Authority to areas beyond airport administration into the realm of marketing the region, attracting new businesses, participating in financial deals to encourage new investments that will serve to retain and create new jobs.